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1. SAUDI REACTION TO NERSESIAN PLAN WOULD, IT SEEMS TO US, BE HIGHLY
INFLUENCED BY QUESTION OF SECURITY. WE DOUBT, IN SHORT, IF SAG WOULD
BE PREPARED TO RELY FOR MAJOR PORTION OF ITS WATER SUPPLY ON SOURCES
BEYOND ITS CONTROL. DESALINATION SCHEMES, EVEN IF EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE,

DO GIVE POLITICALLY SECURE SUPPLY (AS WELL AS SUPPLYING NEEDED ELECTRIC

POWER). WE NOTE IN THIS RESPECT THAT MAJOR DESALINATION CONTRACTS FOR
SAUDI ARABIA'S RED SEA COAST AREAS ARE ALREADY LET OR IN THE PROCESS OF

NEGOTIATION FOR WATER NEEDS FORESEEN THROUGH APPROXIMATELY 1990.

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2. IT NONETHELESS
SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT NERSESIAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND
SAUDI ENTREPRENEUR WITH SUFFICIENT IMAGINATION TO SPONSOR OR HELP
ARRANGE FEASIBILITY STUDY. ADNAN KHASHOGGI, WHO WE UNDERSTAND
HAS SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN SUDAN DEVELOPMENT, OR GHAITH PHARAON
OF REDEC, COME MOST READILY TO MIND. WE DOUBT IF SAUDI FUND FOR
DEVELOPMENT WOULD TAKE ON THIS PROJECT UNLESS IT WERE PUSHED

BY GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN.

3. POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE BY NERSESIAN IN MID-NOVEMBER IS VIRTUALLY NIL. PILGRIMAGE SEASON WILL OCCUPY FULL ATTENTION OF ALMOST ALL IMPORTANT SAG FIGURES, AND IMPORTANT BUSINESSMEN ARE LIKELY TO BE ENTERTAINING MUSLIM VISITORS OR AWAY ON VACATIONS. WE BELIEVE NERSESIAN'S BEST COURSE WOULD BE TO SOUND OUT SAUDI BUSINESSMEN WE HAVE MENTIONED ABOVE ON THEIR POSSIBLE INTEREST IN HIS PROJECT, AND AVAILABILITY TO DISCUSS IT, BEFORE ARRANGING TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA.
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